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SUBJ: URGENT REQUIREMENT FOR TEMPORARY C&R SUPPORT COMMUNICATOR
AT ISTANBUL

FOR OC

1. REPLACEMENT FOR RAYMOND L. NORRIS (POSITION NO. 114), WHO VOLUNTEERED FOR SINAI DUTY AND DEPARTED ISTANBUL ON DIRECT TRANSFER FEBRUARY 1, 1976, IS NOT SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE UNTIL LAST WEEK OF APRIL. PRESENT LIMITED STAFF OF C&R OFFICER AND NEWLY ARRIVED SUPPORT C&R OFFICER WILL BE HARD PRESSED TO KEEP CURRENT HEAVY VOLUME OF TELEGRAPHIC TRAFFIC, IN ADDITION TO OTHER REQUIREMENTS, BECAUSE POST NOW OPERATING ON SLOWER AND LESS ACCURATE SYSTEM WHICH REQUIRES CLOSE SCRUTINY TRAFFIC AND EXTRA TIME FOR CORRECTIONS AND RE-RUNS. NO IMPROVEMENT IN THIS AREA IS EXPECTED WITHIN THE FORSEEABLE FUTURE. TRAFFIC FIGURES FOR JANUARY 1976 ARE 25 O/O ABOVE JANUARY 1975 TOTALS. FURTHERMORE, ONE OF THE C&R STAFF, ABOVE MENTIONED WHO ARE ONLY PERSONS WITH TARMAC PASSES AND CAN MEET AND EXCHANGE COURIER MAIL AT PLANESIDE, SPEND MINIMUM OF 8 HOURS PER WEEK ON THIS DUTY WHICH DISRUPTS OFFICE OPERATIONS AND ADDS TO OVERTIME REQUIREMENTS.

2. ANKARA IS NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE PARTIAL TDY ASSISTANCE AS IT ALSO PROCESSING TRAFFIC WITH SLOWER SYSTEM MENTIONED ABOVE. HIGH PRECEDENCE TRAFFIC ON TURKISH U.S. GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATIONS ON MILITARY OPERATIONS HAS GREATLY INCREASED BOTH INCOMING AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OUTGOING TRAFFIC BETWEEN WASHINGTON. RESUMPTION OF TALKS ON

CYPRUS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO TURK-GREEK RELATIONS WILL ADD SUBSTANTIALLY TO VOLUME OF MESSAGES EXCHANGED WITH NICOSIA AND ATHENS. IN ADDITION,WE HAVE NOTED THAT RE-OPENING OF VARIOUS MEETINGS IN EUROPE, HAS FURTHER ADDED TO OUR COMMUNICATIONS WORKLOAD.

3. REQUEST OC DETAIL EXPERIENCED TDY COMMUNICATOR TO ASSIST ISTANBUL THROUGH APRIL AS PRESENT STAFF CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO CARRY OUT EFFICIENTLY AND SATISFACTORILY ALL ASPECTS OF COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES WITHOUT THIS ASSISTANCE.

4. THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN ISTANBUL.
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